

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we near the end of our final term, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to update you with some key changes to our Physical Education (PE) changing rooms, uniform requirements for September 2025 and some important information around upcoming PE events.

## PE Changing Room Renovations

As part of our commitment to continuously improving the school site for you, I am pleased to announce that we will having brand new PE changing rooms and more toilets ready for your child in September 2025. Work on these brand-new PE changing rooms will start on Monday 7th July. This will mean that by September they are bigger and more comfortable for all children in the school.

Therefore, as our changing rooms will be out of service from Monday 7th July, students must arrive to school wearing their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons. Normal PE kit expectations will apply.

Students who fail to arrive in the correct PE kit will be placed in the reflection room for incorrect uniform whilst we try and contact you to bring it to school to allow them to participate. We really want to avoid this so are communicating this information with you today.

## Sports days – July 2025

We're pleased to announce that we will be having a Sports Day this year. All key stage 3 students (years 7 - 9) will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a full day of multi sports. Students will need to arrive to school wearing their PE uniform on the day of their sports day. Normal PE uniform expectations will apply.

Students who fail to arrive wearing their full PE kit on their sports day will sadly not be able to take part and may have to place them in the Reflection Room due to the staffing needs linked to the Sports Day.

Students who would normally have PE on a day that is not their sports day should arrive in school uniform.



A reminder of Sports Days and your year group arrangement is below for you:

Monday 14th July	• Year 8 sports day – PE uniform
	<ul> <li>(Year 7 and 9 in normal uniform)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15th July	• Year 7 sports day – PE uniform
	• (Year 8 and 9 in normal uniform)
Wednesday 16th July	• Year 9 sports day – PE uniform
	• (Year 7 and 8 in normal uniform)

## PE uniform updates from September 2025

Due to health and safety around using 4G pitches for football, as of September 2025 students must bring their own shin pads during football lessons. This is because the Association of Physical Education and the Football Association state that shin pads are worn in practice and training at all levels of participation, including PE lessons. Students must then also wear plain black football socks (no logo) over these. This is to ensure shin pads stay in place. Also, when using the 4G pitch for PE lessons (any sport/activity), students are advised to wear artificial or multi-ground studded football boots. Please see the images below for clarity:



More detailed information about our PE uniform can be found here: <u>https://www.albionacademy.org/parents/school-uniform-equipment</u>

Thank you for your support on these matters,

Mathew Rogers Principal

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